

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of March 16, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the clamping arrangement is configured to allow relative movement of the printhead module(s) and the casing. Support for this amendment can be found at page 13, line 37-page 14, line 21 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-7 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 102(b) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-7 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed by Silverbrook, for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the clamping provided by the supports 91 is configured so that the printhead modules 30 are able to move relative to the casing 20. In this way, differential expansion of the components during operation of the printhead assembly is compensated for whilst retaining proper operation of the printhead integrated circuits (see page 13, line 37-page 14, line 21 of the present specification).

On the other hand, in any interpretation of the disclosure of Silverbrook, the Memjet chips 18 are not able to move relative to the chassis 14. This is because, the printhead modules 10 are snap fitted to the ink reservoir 16, through engagement of the clips 44 and the receiving formations 92, and the ink reservoir is heat staked to the chassis (see col. 2, lines 59-62, col. 5, lines 14-38 of Silverbrook).

Thus, the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-7 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed, or suggested, by Silverbrook.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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